

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
A B S T R A C T

P.S. – Roads & Buildings Department – Roads Division, Hyderabad – Sri M.Gangadharam, the then Executive Engineer (R&B), Roads Division – Certain irregularities in purchase of caution/sign boards – Departmental proceedings initiated – Exoneration – Orders – Issued.

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TRANSPORT, ROADS AND BUILDINGS (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.834

Dated: 03.06.2008.

Read the following: -

- 1) From the Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department, Vig.Report No.14 (921/V&E-E2/2000), dt.01.02.2002.
- 2) From the ENC (R&B), Admn., Lr.No.1536/Ser.I.3/2002, dt.14.08.2003.
- 3) From Sri M.Gangadharam, EE (R&B), representation, dt.18.11.02.
- 4) Govt.Memo.No.1819/Ser.I.3/2002-2, dt.23.09.2003.
- 5) From the ENC (R&B), Admn., Lr.No.1536/VC(1)/2002, dt.25.04.2005.

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O R D E R:

Disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri M. Gangadharam, on the irregularities in purchase of caution/sign boards while working as Executive Engineer (R&B), Roads Division, Hyderabad. In his representation, Sri M.Gangadharam has submitted that the erection of informatory and caution boards was always an agenda in all teleconferences and video conferences taken up by the then Chief Minister, that targets were fixed and achievements were monitored very frequently, that there has been common practice to procure these boards by inviting quotations, which is an established procedure, that the job was a specialized one, and that as the suppliers were limited, the rates were fluctuating based on the increasing demand day by day initially and as the demand increased manufacturing firms also increased later and because of the competition and high procurement, the rates might have gone down subsequently at the time when Vigilance & Enforcement Department inspected, that the rates allowed by him were comparable with those adopted earlier by Mechanical workshop of R&B Department, that he has followed the departmental procedures and no irregularities have been committed by him in procurement of the same. He has also submitted that the rates paid by him were more competitive than the rates paid by others, especially by Sri V.Ravindranath Chowdary, Sri G. Jagannadha Rao and Sri D.Chandrasekhar Reddy against whom further action was dropped by the Government and therefore requested to drop further action against him.

2) A committee of Chief Engineers has been constituted to go into the details of the matters on cases pertaining to the caution/sign boards and rendered advice on sufficiency or otherwise of the procedures followed in the matter. They have submitted the recommendations to exonerate the officers on the procedural lapses committed in purchase through sealed quotations by splitting the works to the extent of Rs.10.00 lakhs i.e., within their powers of technical sanction. Accordingly, orders were issued by the Government

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accepting the above recommendations of the Committee in the G.O. 6<sup>th</sup> read above.

3) Government, after careful consideration of the matter, found that the procurement made by Sri M.Gangadharam during his tenure was to an extent of Rs.8.84 lakhs and keeping in view the submissions made by him and also the recommendations of the committee of Chief Engineers, have decided to exonerate Sri M. Gangadharam, the then Executive Engineer (R&B).

4) Accordingly, the Government hereby exonerate Sri M. Gangadharam, the then Executive Engineer (R&B) of the charges. However, he is cautioned to be more careful in future.

5) The I/c. Engineer-in-Chief (R&B), Administration shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.T.CHATTERJEE  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
Sri M.Gangadharam, the then Executive Engineer  
(R&B), Roads Division, Hyderabad.  
(Through I/c. Engineer-in-Chief (R&B), Admn, Hyderabad.)  
The I/c. Engineer-in-Chief (R&B), Administration, Hyderabad.  
Copy to:  
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Department, BRKR Bhavan, Hyderabad.  
The Secretary to VC, APVC, Hyderabad.  
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